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Welcome

Welcome to Sheppard Air Force Base, one of the largest and most diversified training centers in Air Education and Training Command.

Sheppard's relationship with its host communities, Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Iowa Park and surrounding areas, is one of the best in the Air Force.

We hope you will enjoy your assignment here and will find this guide helpful as you become acquainted with the base.

About Your Sponsor

The sponsor is an important person who can help with everything from housing to in processing, and can help newcomers adjust to their new assignment.

Sponsors are expected, at the very least, to write you concerning the base, the unit's mission, and details about the job. Upon your arrival, your sponsor will be able to help you with in-processing and help resolve problems. Those who have not been appointed a sponsor before departing

their current duty station should call the military personnel flight's INTRO office at DSN 736-2224.

How To Get Here

If arriving by commercial airline, you will land at the Wichita Falls Municipal Airport, which shares Sheppard's runways and is approximately two miles from the base's main gate.

Commercial taxi service is available from the airport terminal to Sheppard.

If traveling by car, all highways leading to the base are well marked.

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The main gate is on State Highway 240, off I-44 (US Highways 287 and 281).

The Sheppard Visitors Center is located outside the main gate. Visitors passes for privately-owned vehicles can be obtained at the center, or, if all the necessary paperwork is in order—registration, proof of insurance and driver's license—vehicle registration can be accomplished on-the-spot.

Reporting/ In Processing

Permanent party members who arrive during duty hours should report to their squadron's orderly room, to turn in personnel records and make appointments for in processing. Military members must be in compliance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Permanent party members arriving after duty hours should report to the Sheppard Inn, Bldg. 1600, Avenue J, and to their appropriate squadrons for in processing during the next duty day.

Questions concerning in processing should be addressed to 676-2834.

New Civilian Members

New civilian workers should report to the civilian personnel office in Bldg. 402 at the times scheduled in their notification letters.

Newcomer's Orientation

The newcomer's orientation is usually conducted on the first Thursday of each month. Appointments are given during in processing.

The orientation provides valuable information on Sheppard and the local

community. Briefings are conducted by base support agency representatives, as well as by Wichita Falls organizations.

The Duty Day

Duty hours for Sheppard organizations are controlled due to the excessive traffic flow during reporting and departing hours. Each organization has an established duty-hour schedule that includes a one-hour lunch period.

Duty Uniforms And Personal Appearance

Since this is a training base, the permanent-party members assigned to Sheppard serve as role models for the thousands of new airmen training here each year.

Therefore, it is important that all military members maintain the

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highest standards of military dress, customs and courtesies.

Prescribed standards of personal appearance and behavior should be strictly followed. Customs and courtesies, including salutes and respect for the flag, are expected from every member of the Sheppard community. The standards observed here by our students are the standards they will take with them to their first duty stations.

Active-duty military members are authorized to wear the year-round uniform combinations as described in AFI 36-2903.

Vehicle Operations

Base Vehicle Registration

All privately owned vehicles must be registered on base the first duty day after the owner brings the vehicle onto the installation. Register vehicles Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at pass and registration, Bldg. 2118. Registrants are required to show military I.D., valid driver's license, current proof of insurance, and state vehicle registration or duplicate title. Call pass and registration at 676-4135 if you have any questions.

Motorcycle Registration

Motorcycles are not registered on base until the operator completes Course IVB, Experienced Rider Course or can show documentation of completion of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved course. The MSF course includes hands-on training and evaluation, or possession of a state motorcycle license endorsement that requires MSF approved training as required by AFI 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program. Call wing safety at 676-7303 for class dates.

Base Traffic Rules

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit for vehicles is 25 mph on base, 20 mph in the family housing areas and 10 mph in parking lots.

Military students march in formation to and from the school areas. Extreme caution is called for when approaching marching formations,

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observing the traffic directions of the formation guides. When passing formations from either direction, speed must not exceed 10 mph. Use of traffic radar detectors is illegal on all Department of Defense installations.

Parking is permitted only in marked, designated parking spaces. Recreational vehicles must be parked at the RV lot operated by 82nd Services Squadron.

Additional information concerning traffic hazards and driving situations unique to Sheppard and the Wichita Falls area is presented to all newcomers at the Traffic Safety Course II, Local Conditions. The course is conducted in Bldg. 982, Room 19, each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (October through May) and at 4:30 p.m. (June through September). New military

and civilian employees must attend this course within 30 days of arrival.

Family members, 16 years and older, are encouraged to attend the course on a space-available basis. For information, call 676-4149 or 676-6303.

Seat Belts

Department of Defense and Air Force instructions require all military personnel to wear seat belts while on and off base. In addition, these instructions require all vehicle passengers on base to properly wear seat belts. Children four years of age and under, and not exceeding 50 pounds, must be properly secured in a child-restraint system.

The American Red Cross has child restraint seats available for a maximum three-month loan to active-duty military members. To

arrange the loan, call 676-1855 or 676-2308.

Drivers Licenses

The Texas Department of Public Safety recognizes the home-state driver's licenses of out-of-state military members. It also recognizes, until expiration, the state license of military members' previous duty assignments. Texas residents who are returning to Texas after an assignment in another state must renew licenses within 60 days of return. The nearest DPS drivers license office is located off of I-44 at the Missile Road exit.

License Plates

Those who must register their vehicles in Texas have 60 days to do so. The nearest Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Registration Office is located on the corner of Sixth and Scott Streets in Wichita Falls.

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Drunk Driving

All vehicle operators assume implied consent when driving in the state of Texas. When stopped for suspicion of drunk driving, the driver will receive a breath or blood alcohol level test. The legal drinking age in Texas is 21. For persons under the legal drinking age, any detectable blood alcohol content is considered legally drunk and your license will be suspended. If an individual is determined to be at or above the prescribed blood alcohol limit, and a driving-while-intoxicated conviction is passed, the first-time offender faces a \$100 to \$2,000 fine, confinement for three days to two years, possible probation and removal of

driving privileges. Any previous charges or involvement of an open container and/or death or injury shall enhance sentencing.

Sheppard has an aggressive program to discourage driving while intoxicated and driving while under the influence. Participation in programs such as the designated driver and the buddy system is strongly encouraged. Those apprehended for DWI/DUI will lose base driving privileges and receive stiff punishment from their commanders.

Unattended Children

It is illegal to leave children younger than age 7 unattended in motor vehicles unless accompanied by someone at least 14 years old.

Pets

Pets housed on base must be registered within one week of arrival. To register pets, current inoculation certificates are required.

Texas requires annual rabies vaccinations, which may be obtained at the base animal disease prevention and control facility, Bldg. 61.

Appointments can be made Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 676-6883.

Firearms

Everyone who will be residing in Sheppard quarters must register all weapons and ammunition immediately upon arrival, or immediately

upon purchase, through unit orderly rooms. With assistance from security forces, proper storage will be determined depending on where members live and the types of weapons. The armory is located in Bldg. 2118. Members can obtain additional information on registering and storing weapons by calling 676-5165.

Base Security

The 82nd Security Forces Squadron has the overall responsibility for base security and law enforcement. The headquarters is in Bldg. 2118.

The law enforcement desk sergeant is located in the same building and can be reached at 676-2981.

Sheppard has three gates that are open 24 hours a day. They are the main, hospital and Capehart housing area gates. A fourth, the Missile Road gate, is open from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The visitor reception center is located outside the main gate to assist newcomers and visitors to the base.

The security forces have a very aggressive crime-prevention program. Narcotics and explosive detection dogs are used extensively throughout the base to deter crime and illegal drug use.

The security forces can also provide quarters and vehicle security checks for members on leave or TDY. This service can be obtained by calling the desk sergeant at 676-2981.

Housing

Temporary Lodging Facilities

Temporary quarters are available to PCS families and the families of hospital patients on a reserved basis. Reservations for temporary lodging can be made through the billeting office at (940) 676-1844 or 676-2707 or DSN 736-1844/2707.

The modern TLF consists of 80 units, 50 with a kitchenette. Most units have a capacity to house a family of four.



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Dormitories

Permanent party enlisted members, airman basic through senior airman, are housed in modern, air-conditioned dormitories. Unmarried members (senior airman and below) are required to live in the dormitories unless approved by the support group commander, or designated representative. Housing for voluntarily unaccompanied members — dormitories and bachelor officer quarters — is extremely limited at Sheppard.

Family Housing

Sheppard has 1,287 military family housing units in three separate housing areas: Capehart, Wherry and Bunker Hill.

Floor plans vary from two- to four-bedroom units; all are centrally

heated and air-conditioned, equipped with dishwashers, stoves, refrigerators, and garbage disposal units.

All servicemembers eligible for family housing may submit advance applications for government family housing. This may be obtained from the losing station housing office prior to PCS.

Waiting times vary due to several planned and ongoing renovation and replacement housing projects in the housing areas. Members should contact the housing management office frequently for their current status on the waiting list.

Walk-in applicants face longer waiting times than those who send advance applications. Personal preferences for a specific housing area, school district or type of house can and do have an effect on how long the wait will be.

Off-Base Housing

Anyone not immediately assigned government family housing or bachelor quarters must visit the Housing Office before making arrangements to rent, lease or purchase housing off base. The Housing Management Office, Bldg. 373, is open for customer service 0730-1630 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 0900 on Tuesday and Thursday.

Information on housing in the surrounding communities is available to all military, retired military and transferring DoD civilian employees. This information covers rentals and sales for homes and apartments in the area. The housing office may be reached at 676-1840.

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Sheppard AFB has been providing top-notch instruction in a diverse array of Air Force specialties for more than half a century.

Though the mission has changed several times, Sheppard has always been in the training business since it was officially opened as an active Army Air Corps base in October 1941.

Sheppard Field was first conceived Nov. 29, 1940, when Maj. Gen. Rush B. Lincoln, commandant of U.S. Army Air Corps Technical Schools, surveyed sites around the city of Wichita Falls for a proposed training school.

J. S. Bridwell, a Wichita Falls cattleman, offered 300 acres just south of Kell Field to the government for one dollar. The Army Air Corps officially approved the school plans in February 1941.

Thus Sheppard Field began as a World War II Army Air Corps training center when representatives of the War Department and the city of Wichita Falls entered into a lease agreement. The lease gave the government the right to build and operate a military installation adjacent to the Wichita Falls Municipal Airport, and granted the government the right to full use of the airport's land, runways, and facilities.

Official dedication of the field was Oct. 17, 1941, following the arrival of the first military members June 14. The field was named for the late Senator Morris E. Sheppard, former chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Facilities were completed sufficiently to allow the

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first class of 22 aviation mechanics to enter training that October; the class graduated Feb. 23, 1942.

During World War II, Sheppard conducted basic training and it also trained glider mechanics, technical training for B-25 and B-26 crew chiefs and B-29 engineers. The base also provided liaison aircraft training for ground officers, and helicopter pilot training.

The field reached its peak strength of 46,340 people while serving as a separation center for troops being discharged following World War II from September through November 1945.

Sheppard Field was deactivated Aug. 31, 1946 and declared surplus to the War Department's needs; it was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers April 30, 1947.

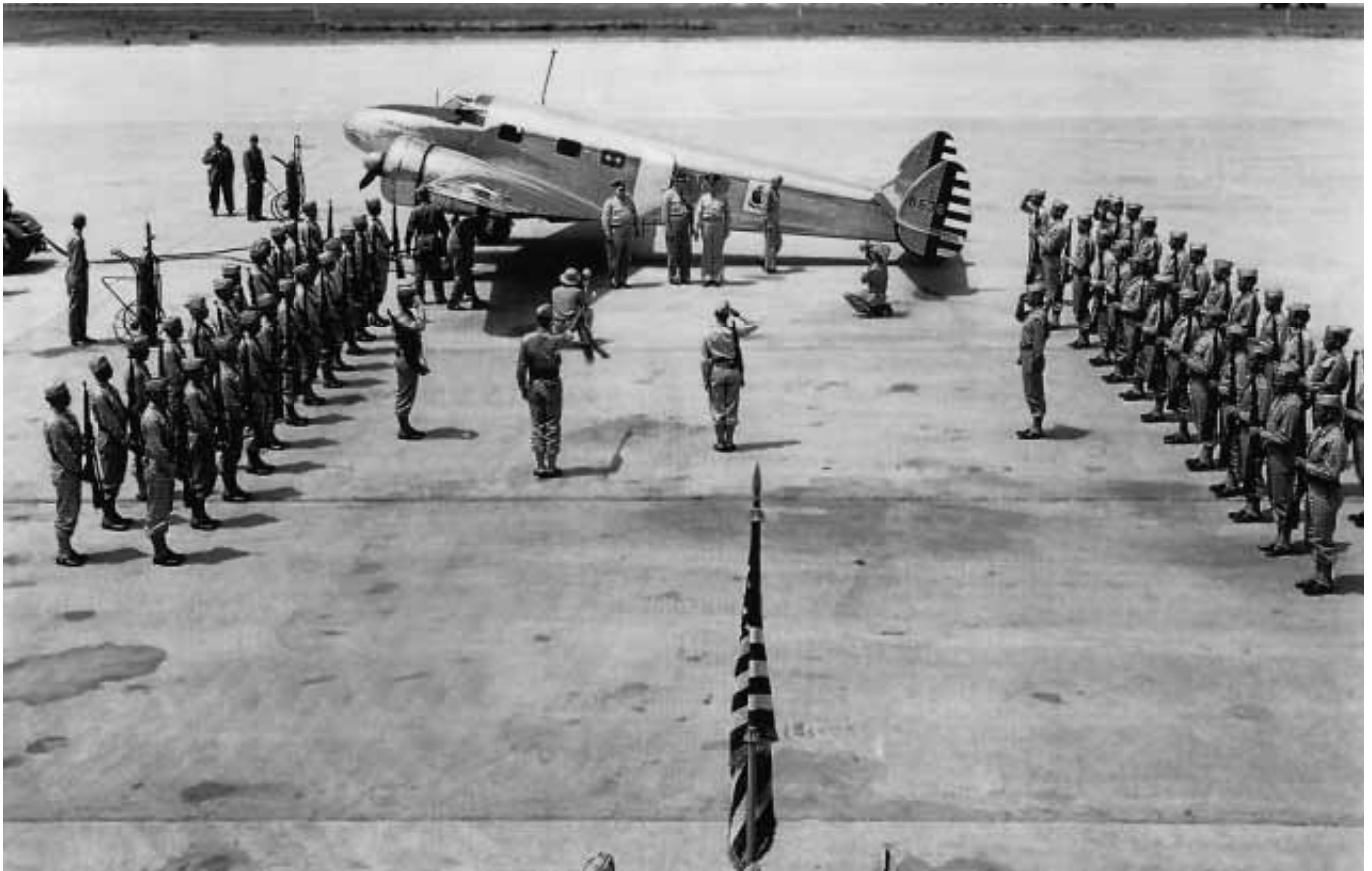
Control and accountability for Sheppard Field was transferred to the Department of the Air Force Aug. 1, 1948. It was reactivated Aug. 15, 1948, to supplement Lackland AFB, Texas, as a basic-training center and was renamed Sheppard AFB.

Basic training was discontinued in June 1949, but was resumed from July 1950 to May 1952. The aircraft mechanics school was transferred to Sheppard from Keesler AFB, Miss., in April 1949 to make room for expansion of electronic training at that base. The school was renamed the Department of Aircraft Maintenance Training within the 3750th Technical School.

Comptroller, transportation, and intelligence training moved to Sheppard from Lowry AFB, Colo., in the fall of 1954. Communications, refrigeration, air conditioning, and power production operator and repairman training were transferred here from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., in 1959. Intelligence training returned to Lowry in February 1962. Training in certain missile systems began at Sheppard in 1957 and was conducted here through September 1985.

The 3750th Technical Training Wing was designated the Sheppard Technical Training Center Jan. 1, 1959.

Field training became an important part of Sheppard's mission in



1959, when management of 53 field training detachments was assigned to Sheppard. Additional detachments were added in 1966 and, in 1971, Sheppard assumed responsibility for all field-training detachments under supervision of the Department of Field Training. The department was designated the 3785th Field Training Wing in July 1984.

A Strategic Air Command operational wing of B-52 bombers and KC-135 tanker aircraft was located at Sheppard from 1960 to 1965. In July 1969 Detachment 1, 2nd Bombardment Wing, with four B-52 aircraft, became a tenant organization and remained here until 1975.

The U.S. Air Force Medical Service School began its move to Sheppard from Gunter AFB, Ala., in March 1966. On June 10, 1971, the name changed to the School of Health Care Sciences and on April 15, 1988, it was designated the

3790th Medical Service Training Wing.

Its six teaching squadrons provide training for most Air Force medical service members in biomedical sciences, dentistry, health service administration, clinical sciences, medical readiness and nursing. Until 1991, this training included an orientation course for newly commissioned medical service officers. The Military Indoctrination for Medical Service Officers course was moved to Lackland in 1991.

Helicopter pilot training was transferred from Stead AFB, Nev., in October 1965. It included firefighting training in addition to undergraduate helicopter pilot training. H-19, H-43 and CH-3C helicopters were used for training.

The 3630th Flying Training Wing was activated in 1965, and it assumed the helicopter training program. It began providing undergraduate pilot training in the T-37 and T-38 for the German air force in August 1966.

Helicopter training was discontinued in 1971 when the U.S. Army assumed responsibility for training Air Force helicopter pilots.

The 3630th Flying Training Wing also provided undergraduate pilot training for pilots of the Republic of Vietnam Air Force from 1971 to 1975.

The wing designation was changed to the 80th Flying Training Wing in 1973.

The 80th Flying Training Wing began conducting the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program in 1981. This one-of-a-kind program provides fighter-oriented pilot training for 13 NATO countries. They are: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. The program has been approved through the year 2005.

In February 1992, restructuring and downsizing of the Air Force caused a realignment and renumbering of units at Sheppard. Some of the

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training wings were redesignated as groups, and the technical training groups became squadrons. Within the 882nd Training Group, the teaching departments were redesignated as teaching squadrons.

Today, Sheppard is the largest of four technical training wings in the Air Education and Training Command, and is the most diversified. Four organizations, the 82nd Training Wing, the 80th Flying Training Wing, the 782nd Training Group and the 882nd Training Group, conduct resident training that qualifies students in a broad range of career fields — from pilot, aircraft maintenance, civil engineering, communications, comptroller and transportation to a wide scope of medical specialties.

The 982nd Field Training Group provides instruction in a wide range of specialties at more than 40 Air Force installations worldwide. The 82nd Support Group, 82nd Logistics Group, and 82nd Medical Group support these organizations.

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Air Education and Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas was established July 1, 1993, with the realignment of Air Training Command and Air University.

AETC's mission is to recruit, train, and educate quality people through military, technical and flying training; and pre-commissioning, professional military and continuing education. After receiving basic training and prior to placement in Air Force jobs, enlisted people are trained in a technical skill. More than 1,350 technical courses offer a wide variety of job skills for today's young adults. During their careers in the Air Force, every officer and enlisted person receives

education and training administered by the command.

The command includes two numbered air forces, the Air University, Air Force Recruiting Service and Wilford Hall Medical Center. More than 43,000 active duty members and 14,000 civilian personnel make up AETC. The command has responsibility for approximately 1,500 aircraft.

The 2nd Air Force, headquartered at Keesler AFB, Miss., manages all operational aspects of nearly 5,000 active training courses taught to approximately 190,000 students annually in technical training, basic military training, medical courses and distance learning courses. Four training wings, a geographically separated

training group at Vandenberg AFB, CA., and 35 geographically separated units report to 2nd AF.

A basic military training course for all new enlistees in the regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard is conducted at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Technical training in more than 250 technical specialties are provided to men and women in all branches of service throughout their careers. Technical training courses, many accredited through the Community College of the Air Force, provide job qualification and advanced training to Air Force people in support of their primary missions. Each year more than 150,000 students

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graduate from AETC technical training courses.

Resident courses are conducted at Keesler AFB; Lackland, Sheppard and Goodfellow Air Force bases in Texas; and Vandenberg AFB, California.

The 19th Air Force, headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base, is responsible for managing all flying training in AETC. HQ 19th Air Force exercises operational control over 11 active duty units and two Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) wings. It also has operational oversight of five Air National Guard units. It provides undergraduate, specialized and joint undergraduate pilot and joint undergraduate navigator training and electronic warfare officer training; introduction to fighter and bomber fundamentals; air weapons controller and air battle management training; initial and instructor enlisted aircrew member training; initial, upgrade and advanced training for helicopter and special

operations aircrew; tanker/airlift aircrew; fighter aircrew; and aircrew survival training.

Prior to pilot training, pilot candidates participate in Introductory Flight Training (IFT). Students fly with civilian flight schools and earn a private pilot's license during the 50-hour program. This program is designed to familiarize candidates with the flying environment.

The 12th Flying Training Wing (FTW) at Randolph AFB, Texas, conducts Pilot Instructor Training (PIT).

Nineteen Air Force conducts two 49-weeks Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) programs; Joint Navy and Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, and Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB, Texas and Columbus AFB, Mississippi.

In SUPT, students selected for airlift or tanker aircraft fly advanced

training in the T-1A and those selected for fighter or bomber aircraft train in the T-38. Students who are selected for C-130s participate in 24 weeks of Navy advanced joint undergraduate pilot training at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. Students selected for helicopter training receive US Army rotary wing training at the 23 FTS at Ft Rucker, Alabama.

Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training is an international effort conducted by the U.S. Air Force and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies. This program, at Sheppard AFB, Texas, trains pilots from NATO countries as well as U.S. Air Force pilots. Primary training is conducted in the T-37 and advanced training in the T-38. ENJJPT instructor pilots are also trained at Sheppard AFB.

Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) training is conducted at Randolph AFB and Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Columbus AFB, Mississippi, in the AT-38. The IFF program ensures graduates possess the attitude, knowledge, skills, and level of proficiency required to enter and complete follow-on fighter training. This training is conducted at Tyndall AFB, Florida for F-15 aircraft and at Luke AFB, Arizona for F-16 aircraft.

The 97th Air Mobility Wing at Altus AFB, Oklahoma, conducts Combat Crew Training for the C-5, C-17, C-141, and KC-135 weapon systems for seven USAF major commands and international air forces. The complete spectrum of officer and enlisted aircrew training from initial qualification courses through instructor courses are taught by a combination of contractor and Air Force instructors.

C-130 initial, mission, and instructor training for officer and enlisted aircrew members is conducted by the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas for the USAF, sister services and allied nations. Additionally the 314th AW is also responsible for C-21 formal training conducted by the 45th Airlift Flight at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Combat Crew Training, both initial and upgrade, for Special Operations and Combat Search and Rescue

pilots, navigators, electronic weapons systems officers, flight engineers, loadmasters, communications systems operators, and aerial gunners is conducted at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. Flight training is also conducted at Kirtland for UH-1N, MH-53J, TH-53A, and HH-60G helicopters, and MC-130P and MC-130H aircraft. C-12 and UH-1H training is conducted at Ft Rucker, Alabama.

AETC also conducts the Air Force survival course at Fairchild AFB, Washington. The course provides survival, evasion, resistance and escape training primarily for aircrew members. Instructors assigned to the Survival School teach seven different courses to approximately 6,500 students annually. Five of the seven courses are taught at Fairchild. The other two courses are conducted at NAS Pensacola, Florida, and Eielson AFB, Alaska.

Air University (AU) is the education arm of Air Education and Training Command. AU provides a continuum of education to military officers and enlisted members and educates civilians. Education programs cover many topics but focus on the profession of arms and the employment and organization of aerospace power. International officers from over 100 countries have studied and continue to attend AU institutions. AU is responsible for enlisted technical training in the historian, paralegal, and chaplain service support career fields.

Air Force Recruiting Service, with headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas, is a major component of Air Education and Training Command.

The mission of the Air Force Recruiting Service is to recruit high-quality people for today's Air Force. Seeking out intelligent young men and women who can be trained to handle the sophisticated systems and equipment of today's highly technical aerospace force.

Air Force Recruiting Service is also responsible for recruiting physicians, dentists, nurses, health care administrators, biomedical scientists, and chaplains from civilian sources, and for obtaining officer candidates



for Officer Training School and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Wilford Hall Medical Center, located at Lackland AFB, Texas, is one of America's national medical resources and home of the 59th Medical Wing. The medical center staff totals more than 4,500 personnel. The 500-bed medical center services as Lackland's hospital, a specialized treatment center for the southern United States and a referral center for patients evacuated from around the world.

Air Education and Training Command is also deeply involved in training medical personnel for our Air Force's future needs. They are responsible for providing 55 percent of the Air Force's graduate dental education, 65 percent of graduate medical education, and nearly 90 percent of the Air Force's enlisted medical training.

82nd Training Wing

Sheppard is one of the most diversified of the training bases in AETC. As a part of the 1993 reorganization, Sheppard Training Center was redesignated as the 82nd Training Wing.

Officers, airmen and noncommissioned officers receive basic and advanced courses in fields of study ranging from pharmacy to power production; aircraft maintenance to budget and data systems.

The 82nd, 782nd, 882nd and 982nd Training Groups administer the 82nd TRW's training programs.

The base receives major operational support from the 82nd Support Group, the 82nd Medical Group (Sheppard Hospital) and the 82nd Logistics Group.

82nd Training Group

Educates officers and airmen, infusing lifetime values and war-fighting skills for global customers. Responsible for developing and teaching 185-faculty development, maintenance officer, aircraft maintenance and enlisted aircrew courses, and 48 CDC courses. Responsible for more than 28,000 USAF, DoD, and international students annually. Manages \$1.2 billion in aircraft, buildings, equipment, and an operating budget of \$3.9 million. More than 3,700 military and civilian members are assigned to the 82nd TRG.

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82nd Training Support Squadron

Supports training for over 45,000 USAF, DoD, and international students annually. Administers a \$31.6 million O&M budget; manages over \$2.4 billion in assets for two group staffs and seven squadrons. Conducts 33 AF-level qualification and continuation courses; graduates more than 4,500 students. Designs, develops, maintains and distributes interactive courseware for three groups. Administers wing's military training and ceremonies program and transition flight. Serves as a liaison for Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and sister service students.

361st Training Squadron

Trains over 8,000 students annually. Develops and instructs 73 courses in fuel and egress systems, aerospace propulsion, aerospace ground equipment, aircrew life support, survival equipment, aircraft structural maintenance, nondestructive inspection, aircraft metals technology, vehicle body repair, and 21 CDCs. Manages over 1,250 military and civilian personnel to include two geographically separated units.

362nd Training Squadron

Trains more than 17,000 students annually. Develops and instructs 85 maintenance officer, enlisted aircraft maintenance, and enlisted aircrew courses. Conducts aircraft maintenance training on six active flight lines. Maintains 16 career development courses. Manages aircraft and equipment worth more than \$1 billion. They are responsible for 1,900 military and civilian personnel and eight CONUS training operating locations.

363rd Training Squadron

Trains more than 4,100 students annually. Develops and instructs 17 academic apprentice, craftsman and supplemental courses for aircraft armament, nuclear weapons and conventional munitions, and military training. Maintains eight career development courses, 23 Type-V courses, and sustains course accreditation for Community College of the Air Force





degree and licensing. Manages training assets valued at more than \$196 million. Daily, the squadron is responsible for more than 875 military and civilian personnel.

782nd Training Group

The 782nd Training Group has four squadrons that support training for Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps military, civilians and foreign students. Three squadrons, located at Sheppard, conduct the technical training of 18,500 students annually. Training in seven career field families includes: comptroller, telecommunications, aircraft systems, avionics, civil engineer, fuels and vehicle operations. The fourth squadron is a training support squadron, located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. This unit designs, develops, produces and distributes interactive courseware and media products to support DoD and Air Force customers throughout the world. The Training Administrator, Evaluations staff, and information management professionals provide additional technical and administrative support to the group.

Evaluations Office

Evaluations provides quality assessment and feedback on operational training and support for 782d Training Group customers through collection and analysis of data. It provides consistent policy guidance and coordination across four training squadrons. It also creates and disseminates guidance in the development of CDCs for the 82d



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and 782d Training Groups, and ensures adequate numbers of CDC writers are scheduled for the Specialty Knowledge Test program.

364th Training Squadron

The 364th Training Squadron develops and conducts mobile, in-resident, and career development technical and military training for more than 4,000 international and U.S. military students and civilian Department of Defense students annually in the telecommunications, comptroller, and aircraft systems maintenance career fields.

365th Training Squadron

The 365th Training Squadron develops and conducts technical and military training for over 1,700 international and U.S. military students and civilian DoD students annually for 10 maintenance career fields in fighter and bomber avionics, optical and infrared reconnaissance, and advanced target designating systems maintenance career fields. It is responsible for 28 resident and 18 non-resident career development courses executed at Sheppard AFB and USAF installations worldwide.

366th Training Squadron

The 366th Training Squadron conducts technical training for



13,700 Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps military, civilians and foreign students annually in civil engineer, vehicle operations and fuels career fields. The civil engineer apprentice courses are taught to Air Force, Army and Navy students at Sheppard and at civil engineer training detachments at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Gulfport Naval Air Station, Mississippi, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

367th Training Support Squadron

The 367th Training Squadron defines, develops, acquires, and maintains interactive courseware and multimedia visual information. It supports multimedia requirements for other major commands and DoD agencies, as well as combat camera support to document worldwide events of national and historic significance. In addition, the unit develops interactive courseware systems to support Air Force continuation training.

882nd Training Group

The 882d Training Group consists of one support squadron and four teaching squadrons. The training squadrons conduct training in biomedical sciences, dental assisting and dental laboratory, health service administration, clinical sciences, medical readiness, nursing and aeromedical evacuation education. Approximately 85 resident courses of varying lengths are offered, including training in basic wartime lifesaving techniques required for all initial skills airmen courses. Most enlisted members in Air Force health care fields received indoctrination or specialty training from the group. Approximately 16,000 students attend courses each year. In addition, nearly 1,600 Army, Navy and Coast Guard personnel are trained each year. On any given day, about 1,200 students are in varying phases of training throughout the group.

381st Training Squadron

Conducts apprentice/craftsman level, military/technical training for a variety of medical enlisted and

officer career fields. Medical careers taught include Independent Duty Medical Technician, Cardio-Pulmonary, Ultrasound, Physician Assistant, Dental Assisting, Dental Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging. Squadron personnel train an average of 2,000 students annually.

382nd Training Squadron

Responsible for 17 resident and 12 nonresident officer and enlisted personnel courses graduating 2,300 students annually. Resident courses encompass the biomedical specialties of Diet Therapy, Mental Health, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory, Optometry, and Physical Therapy. Squadron personnel manage Phase II training at 12 sites across four MAJCOMs.

383rd Training Squadron

Conducts apprentice-level military and technical training for medical service and surgical service technicians. They also teach advanced training in nursing management, staff development, infection control and epidemiology, OR nursing, OB nursing, as well as craftsman courses for medical service and surgical service journeyman. More than 5,000 students each month are enrolled in one of the 28 courses taught by the 383rd.

384th Training Squadron

Provides medical readiness and healthcare support training in several areas. Courses include: Basic Medical Readiness, Medical Red Flag, Reserve Medical Red Flag, Medical Readiness Planners, Aeromedical Evacuation Contingency Operations Training, Health Services Administration, Biomedical Equipment Technician, Health Services Management, and Medical Material.

882nd Training Support Squadron

Supports four training squadrons, including course and faculty development, information systems, and student accounting functions for 16,955

students and 165 courses/symposium annually. The 882nd TRSS is also responsible for management of 23 buildings with 78 acres to include a 53-acre medical readiness site, staff actions for 494+ authorizations, an operating budget of \$6.7 million and \$57 million in equipment and facilities.

982nd Training Group

Boasting the motto, "The World is our Classroom," the 982nd Training Group's mission is to provide quality hands-on aircraft maintenance training to meet the evolving needs of its primary customer, the first-line supervisor.

The group takes the classroom to maintenance personnel at 44 world-wide locations, including Europe, Alaska and the Pacific Theater. More than 900 people are assigned to the group and its two training squadrons. The group's annual student production exceeds 40,000.

82nd Support Group

The 82nd Support Group provides all civil engineer, personnel, communications, services and law enforcement support for the Air Force's largest training wing, comprised of seven groups, and the Air Force's largest flying training wing, which flies more than 73,000 sorties per year. The 82nd Support Group serves more than 24,000 people and exceeds 65,000 students per year with a work force of more than 1,500 employees and an annual budget of \$69.7 million. The group also serves as the base liaison with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency.

82nd Medical Group

Sheppard's hospital, under administration of the 82nd Medical Group, has an expanded capacity of 318 beds. In addition to serving more than 25,000 beneficiaries in the local area, Sheppard Hospital is the closest military medical treatment facility for more than 100,000 other beneficiaries. As a regional hospital, it also medically supports ten other bases in the southwest.



82nd Logistics Group

The 82d Logistics Group provides logistic support for the 82d Training Wing and the 80th Flying Training Wing. The Group is comprised of Maintenance, Contracting and Logistic Squadrons. Maintenance functions include trainer maintenance, trainer design and fabrication, and systems logistics support. Contracting handles the acquisition and administration of supplies, services, construction, and commodities. Logistic functions include supply (acquisition, storage and distribution of supplies, equipment and fuels) and transportation (operation and maintenance of the base vehicle fleet, freight movement, household goods and passenger movement).

80th Flying Training Wing

The 80th Flying Training Wing is the home of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) Program, the free world's only internationally manned and managed undergraduate pilot training program. ENJJPT is unique because it is a multinational endeavor chartered to train North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) pilots.

Thirteen NATO nations participate: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Half of the key positions in the wing are filled by allied officers, and the 80 FTW is the only undergraduate pilot training wing in Air Education and Training Command which conducts its own program to train newly assigned instructor pilots. Since its

creation in 1981, ENJJPT has produced an average of 220 pilots a year for the NATO Alliance.

The wing is a fully integrated staff of 1,300 military, civilian, and contract personnel, employing 222 T-37, T-38, and AT-38 aircraft, flying 86,000 hours.

80th Operations Group

80th Operations Support Squadron

A multinational squadron supporting the ENJJPT program, consisting of 13 participating nations. Responsible for airfield/airspace management, weather, air traffic control, flight records, programming, life support, computer systems, and personnel/information management for student and permanent party assigned to the 80th Flying Training Wing.

88th Flying Training Squadron

A multinational flying training squadron responsible for training and qualifying 120 instructor pilots yearly in the T-37, T-38 and AT-38 aircraft for the ENJJPT program. Employs 21 primary-assigned AT-38 aircraft to prepare 150 pilots for Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, annually flying 6,500 sorties and over 6,000 hours.

89th Flying Training Squadron

A multinational flying training squadron responsible for providing primary jet flying training in support of the ENJJPT Program. Employs 70



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primary assigned T-37 aircraft, flying more than 31,000 sorties and over 40,000 hours to transition over 250 pilot candidates to fighter aircraft each year.

90th Flying Training Squadron

A multinational flying training squadron responsible for providing advanced jet training for fighter pilot candidates in support of the ENJJPT program. Employs 81 primary assigned T-38 aircraft flying over 34,700 sorties and over 40,000 hours to transition 250 pilot candidates to fighter aircraft each year.

Mission Aircraft

T-37 Tweet

The T-37 Tweet is a twin-engine jet used for undergraduate pilot, undergraduate navigator and tactical navigation training. It is used to train students in the fundamentals of aircraft handling, and instrument, formation and night flying. The Tweet was the first aircraft designed specifically for this purpose. Most of the Air Force's T-37s are



used by AETC. The versatile T-37 can also be modified to fly military surveillance, low-level attack missions and forward air control.

The Tweet's twin engines and flying characteristics give student pilots the required feel for handling the larger, faster T-38 Talon later in the undergraduate pilot training course.

The instructor sits beside the student pilot in an enclosed cockpit, making training easier. The cockpit has dual controls, ejection seats and a jettisonable clamshell-type canopy.

The T-37 has hydraulically operated speed brakes, tricycle landing gear and a steerable nose wheel. Six rubber-cell interconnected fuel tanks in each wing feed the main tank in the fuselage, behind the cockpit.

The T-38 Talon

The T-38 Talon is a twin-engine high-altitude, supersonic jet trainer. It is used in a variety of roles because of its design, economy of operations, ease of maintenance, high performance and exceptional safety record. The T-38 has swept-back wings, a streamlined fuselage and tricycle landing gear with a steerable nose wheel. Two independent hydraulic systems power the ailerons, flaps, rudder and other flight control surfaces.

The instructor and student sit in tandem on rocket-powered ejection seats in a pressurized air-conditioned cockpit. The T-38 needs as little as 2,300 feet of runway to take off and can climb from sea level to nearly 30,000 feet in one minute.

The Talon first flew in 1959. More than 1,100 planes had been delivered to the Air Force between 1961 and 1972, when production ended.

AT-38 Talon

The AT-38B is a specially modified version of the T-38 used to prepare pilots for fighter aircraft such as the A-10, F-15, and F-16. This model, used in the 80 FTW's Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course, carries external armament and associated weapons delivery equipment for training purposes.

Air Force Audit Agency

The Sheppard Area Audit Office is a detachment of the Air Force Audit Agency, Washington, D.C., a separate operating agency with major air command status. The agency performs internal audits of all Air Force operations, systems, functions, and activities. These audits are planned according to management needs and available audit resources.

Under the auspices of the Commanders Audit Program, audit services are further tailored to review specific problems of concern to installation and tenant commanders. The Sheppard office also has audit responsibility for Altus AFB, Okla.

Office of Special Investigations

Special investigative services for Sheppard are provided by Detachment 411, Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The unit works closely with base security police investigators, local police agencies, and other Federal Agencies. AFOSI conducts major criminal, fraud and counter-intelligence investigations.



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Child Development Center

The child development center, located in Bldg. 195, is equipped to care for children from 6 weeks to 8 years of age. There is also an enrichment program available for pre-school children ages 3 - 5 years. The CDC, in conjunction with the Air Force Aid Society, provides "Parent's Break" program twice monthly. There are a variety of payment options available.

The Center's normal hours of operation are from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, one Saturday evening, and one Sunday afternoon per month.

Call (940) 676-2038 commercial or DSN 763-2038.

Employment Opportunities

The Non-appropriated Funds Human Resources Office in Bldg. 1664 provides job information to people

interested in employment at recreational facilities or in the lodging area. A list of positions is posted in the NAF office. The office can be reached at 676-6394.

The Sheppard Civilian Personnel Customer Service Center provides a central point of contact for people seeking civil service employment. The center is in Bldg. 402 and can be reached by calling 676-6835.

Sheppard Family Support Center, located in Bldg. 1624, also has

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job-search assistance programs available, as well as a host of other resources for those seeking employment in the local area. It also operates the transition assistance program for people separating from the service.

In addition, there are a number of government contractors on base who maintain their own personnel offices.

The Texas Employment Commission, 4309 Jacksboro Highway, Suite 100, in Wichita Falls, can assist family members in obtaining either full or part-time employment. For information, call (940) 692-1221.

Family Home Day-care

The family home day-care program is administered through the family day care coordinator located in Bldg. 1664. It provides licensed childcare in base housing units under Air Force guidance and training programs. The 82nd Support Group commander grants the privilege to people in base quarters who want to provide service to other Air

Force families. Call 676-4237 for information.

Family Services

The family services loan room, Bldg. 790, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesday, noon to 4 p.m. The organization helps military families with essential household items for a short-term period pending arrival of their household goods or just prior to departure from Sheppard.

These items include such essentials as dishes, pots and pans, irons, cribs and highchairs. Linens are not available.

Family services, which is run entirely by volunteers, offers assistance in many other areas. It is a good place to get involved and learn about the Sheppard community. For more information, call 676-4358.

Airman's Attic

The Attic is collocated with the family services loan room in Bldg. 790.

Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, noon to 4 p.m. Items in the Attic are available free of charge to E-4 and below and their families. Items donated by the Sheppard community assist junior ranking families set up household. Donated items include basic household furniture, baby furniture and clothes and uniform items. For more information, call 676-4358.

Family Support Center

Sheppard's Family Support Center serves as a focal point for helping military members and families adapt to the Air Force way of life. The phone numbers are 676-4358 or 676-4257.

A military spouse orientation program is offered the last Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and provides an avenue for spouses new to the Air Force or newly arriving at Sheppard to learn information about the base and the local communities. Free lunch, free baby-sitting, and a tour of the base are offered as a part of the orientation.

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Other programs and services include financial counseling, budget preparation and working with creditors. The transition assistance program is geared toward helping retirees and those separating from the service make the transition from the Air Force to civilian life. The center also operates the career focus program, helping military spouses find employment in the local area.

Also available are resume classes, Standard Form 171, Application for Federal Employment, workshops, individual counseling and referral. The relocation assistance program helps ease the burden of frequent military moves and provides brochures, videos and information about other military installations throughout the world. Family life development classes help people cope with day-to-day problems, and the Air Force Aid Society provides funds for emergency situations as well as education assistance.

The center, located in Bldg. 796, is open weekdays during normal duty hours. All services are free to military and retired members and their families and DoD civilians.



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Schools For Base Housing Residents

Two school districts serve the three Sheppard housing areas.

Capehart children attend schools in the Burkburnett Independent School District. Kindergartners through 6th graders attend the John Tower Elementary School, which is within walking distance. Junior and senior high school students are transported by bus to schools in nearby Burkburnett.

Children residing in Wherry housing attend schools in the Wichita Falls Independent School District. Elementary students attend Sheppard Elementary School, located in the housing area. Other students are bused to nearby Kirby Junior High School or Hirschi High School.

Children living in Bunker Hill are transported by bus to either the Wichita Falls or Burkburnett schools depending on the specific location of their assigned housing.

Youth Activities Center

Children of active-duty and retired military members, DoD, and NAF employees are offered a complete year-round program of recreational, cultural, educational, and social activities through the base youth center.

The main facility, in Bldg. 196, has a well-equipped teen lounge, a gymnasium, and game, computer, music, gymnastics and multi-purpose rooms.

Programs are planned for youth ages 5 to 18, or kindergarten through high school, with some instructional classes and sports programs. Summer and school age care programs are available for children age five through sixth grade. These include crafts, physical fitness activities, tours, bowling, skating, swimming, and outdoor fun.

The center is the hub of youth sports programs, including little league baseball, T-ball, softball, football, basketball, tennis and golf.

Instructional classes include swim lessons, tap and ballet dance lessons, gymnastics, karate, tennis, and golf.

Bldg. 147 holds the School Age Care program that recognizes the needs of working parents and their children and offers SAC as a year-round program. Youth Activities currently offers a before and after school program, holiday summer day camps and day camps for elementary intercession. Parents are invited to visit the facility and meet the staff of the SAC program before making decisions concerning childcare. The program is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grades for Sheppard, Kate Haynes, and John G. Tower Elementary Schools only.

MEDICAL CARE



Sheppard's hospital, under administration of the 82d Medical Group, serves more than 25,000 beneficiaries in the local area. The hospital provides comprehensive health care to include, but not limited to:

- Flight Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pathology/Cytology
- Veterinary
- Mental Health
- Pediatrics
- Allergy/Immunizations
- Neurology
- Periodontics
- Audiology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pharmacy
- Emergency Services
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Endodontics
- Ophthalmology
- Prosthodontics
- Exceptional Family Member
- Optometry
- Radiology
- Family Advocacy Program
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
- Surgery
- Family Practice
- Orthodontics (limited)
- Urology
- General Dentistry
- Orthopedics
- Public Health

Emergency Services

The Emergency Services Department maintains a 24-hour, on-base ambulance service, caring for medical, surgical, and psychiatric emergencies that occur at any time.

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Patients are seen on the basis of medical priority, not on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Note: If you need an ambulance, dial 911...all other calls should be directed to 676-2333.

Dependent Medical Care

Family members have full access to the health resources of the hospital. Children under 18 years of age are minors and must be accompanied by a parent (or another adult who has a limited power of attorney) to give consent for treatment of even the most minor conditions.

Dental Services

Almost all specialty dental care is available to active duty members. Some specialty care may, at times, be provided to active duty dependents or retirees on a space-available basis. Normal dental clinic hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Priority care is set by public law as follows:

- a. Active duty members
- b. Dependents of active duty members (and of military members who died on active duty)
- c. Retired military members and their eligible family members.

Note 1: Patients in category b or c are seen on a very limited space-available basis. Enrollment in the family member dental plan, which is currently accomplished through the military personnel flight, it strongly encouraged. Effective 1 February 2001 enrollment can be accomplished directly with United Concordia Companies Inc. (UCCI). Inquires concerning application for eligibility, enrollment, change of election coverage/benefits, dental premium payroll authorization, claim inquiries, and appeals can be taken care of through the dental contractor at 1-800-866-8499, or www.ucci.com.

Note 2: For routine dental care, an examination is required before scheduling other appointments. Active duty members are normally scheduled for examinations by their squadron health monitors in coordination with the dental clinic.

Dental Emergencies

Patients with acute oral pain, swelling, bleeding, and/or severe dysfunction may report to the dental clinic for sick call at 7:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Emergency care is provided to relieve pain and suffering and does not always include definitive procedures such as permanent fillings, denture repairs, or walk-in examinations. Non-active duty beneficiaries with family member dental insurance are normally referred to a civilian provider for definitive treatment under the dental insurance plan. Active duty members and those with severe or acute problems will be given priority. Patients with dental emergencies after normal duty hours may report to the hospital's emergency services department. A dental officer and technician on call will be contacted to treat the emergency.

Medical Appointments

For patient convenience and efficient use of professional resources, patients are seen by appointment only, with the exception of emergencies. Patients need to call central appointments at 676-1847 to make an appointment. Individuals requiring immunizations should contact the immunization clinic at 676-5953 for the immunization schedule. Mammography services must be ordered by a provider; to schedule, call 676-6033. Individuals currently being followed by the aerospace medicine flight should call 676-6509.

Dental - 676-4474

Family Advocacy - 676-2271

Mental Health - 676-6075

Women's Health - 676-4250

Surgery - 676-6346

Acute Care

Acute Care for flying members is by appointment only; no walk-in appointments are available. Non-prior service students are seen by appointment at the student



health center. The student health center is dedicated to the special requirements of NPS students. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be scheduled by the student's military training manager or their instructor supervisor. Permanent party members and TDY students can schedule appointments through central appointments. Appointments are available at 7 a.m. each duty day.

Active duty personnel and their dependents assigned to the 80 FTW, 80 OSS, 88 FTS, 89 FTS, 90 FTS, 97 FTS, Fire Department, 362 TRS aircrew personnel and 82 AMDS are seen in the Flight Medicine Clinic. Call 676-6509 to schedule an appointment. Return to flying status is 7:30 - 8 a.m. and 11 - 11:30 a.m. The clinic is closed between 1130 - 1230 daily.

Outpatient/Inpatient Mental Health Care

Psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and mental

health technicians provide a myriad of outpatient and inpatient care, including individual, couple and group therapy, psychiatric/psychological evaluations, psychotropic medication management, biofeedback, neuropsychological evaluations, outpatient chemical dependency education and treatment, case management and aftercare planning. The inpatient mental health component is a 12-bed unit with three seclusion rooms for those at greatest risk of hurting themselves or others. Inpatient services are limited to active duty only. Dependents may receive these services through TRICARE.

Chemical Dependency

Although inpatient treatment is no longer offered, there is an Intensive Outpatient Program and Partial Hospitalization Program for chemical dependency treatment. Treatment is individualized, need-specific, and clinically driven, rather than program driven.

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Family Advocacy Program

The outreach component promotes the availability of access to the preventive, educational, and treatment services offered through the Family Advocacy Program.

The New Parents Support Program component employs two registered nurses to provide preventive, in-home advice and guidance to new parents from the point of conception through the first year of life.

Note: The NPSP component is purely voluntary. Personnel make no entries in outpatient medical records, unless only in brief response to a medical

consultation request or referral for care that might be received from a pediatrician or a family practice physician.

The Exceptional Family Member Program component provides administrative services to and referrals for active duty family members who have special or exceptional needs. These exceptional needs may include physical, educational, or psychiatric concerns.

The family maltreatment component provides identification, intervention, education, and treatment for military families exhibiting incidences of spouse abuse and child abuse or neglect. The earlier the intervention, the better the prognosis and the less risk of

injury to person or career. For more information concerning the Family Advocacy Program components, call 676-2271/3018.

TRICARE

TRICARE is a comprehensive health benefits program that supplements the care available in military treatment facilities to dependents of uniformed service members. TRICARE Prime members receive certain preferential services and conveniences. Non-Prime members receive care on a space available basis. Further information is available by calling 1-800-406-2832.

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Air Force Aid Society

Administered by the Family Support Center, Bldg. 796, this official emergency assistance organization for the Air Force supplements the relief work of the American Red Cross and other agencies. It provides financial assistance in the form of non-interest loans or grants in the case of financial emergencies. Call 676-4257 for further information.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross at Sheppard AFB is available to the military member and his family to verify emergency illnesses or

deaths, other emergencies for emergency leave purposes, and health and welfare messages. We are located in Bldg. 1624, Suite 7. Our telephone number is 676-1855. During after duty hours you may reach the Red Cross for emergency messages only at 1-877-272-7337. Our office at Sheppard is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Base Exchange

Class Six Store

The Class Six store is located in Bldg. 125 and offers a wide variety of liquors, cordials, beers, wines, snacks and soft drinks.

Food Facilities

The Army, Air Force and Exchange Service has a snack bar in Bldg. 2320, at the 80th Flying Training Wing and in Bldg. 400, 82nd Training Wing Headquarters. Besides the snack bars, there are several exchange snack bars and automated food facilities throughout the base. The exchange also operates base-wide Running Chef mobile snack trucks.

Main Exchange Complex

The main exchange complex houses a snack bar, beauty shop, laundry-dry cleaning-alterations service, optical shop, portrait studio, barber

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shop and flower shop. The Four Seasons Store, which sells lawn and garden accessories, becomes the Toyland facility for the holiday season.

Military Clothing Sales

The military clothing sales store, in Bldg. 649, provides a full range of issue and commercial uniform items for service members. An alterations Shop is also located in this facility.

Mini Mall

An indoor shopping mall, located in the heart of the dormitory area, provides a small exchange store, laundry, dry-cleaning, Robin Hood sandwich shop, an Anthony's pizza shop, a Taco Bell and a Video Rental. The mini mall also houses a video game room with pool tables. MCC Communications has computers and phones for all your communication needs, as well as a full service wrapping, shipping and mailing service for all your postal needs.

Service Station

The Exchange Autopride/Shopette, located at the Main Gate, offers car care service, parts and accessories, convenience items and video rental in addition to selling gas. The gas station at the hospital gate also sells a small selection of convenience store items.

Clubs

Enlisted Club

The enlisted club offers a variety of activities, including two lounge operations and a game room. A variety of regular entertainment programs are featured each week, such as Bingo and pool tournaments. There is a sports bar that has a satellite dish to show seasonal sports programs. The club also has a barbershop that is open five days a week with discounts for club members.

Membership is open to all active-duty and retired military members, airman through chief master sergeant, and to civilian personnel of the equivalent grades. The club is in Bldg. 1108 and several meeting rooms are available for private bookings. For special events information call 676-2083 or for catering information, call 676-6460.

Officers Club

The officers club, located in Bldg. 340, offers a variety of activities for the entire family. Activities include Sunday brunch, daily lunch buffet, dinner, two lounges and facilities for your catered functions. All dining and catered function activities are open to base civilians, officers and enlisted members of all ranks. Membership and lounge

operations are open to all officers and civilian equivalent grades.

The club also operates The Red River Cafe located in the Student Center, building 649. This facility is open to all ranks during the lunch and dinner hour offering the best subs, pizza, and ice cream on the base. For information call 676-2029/2710. The club offers catering and party rooms to make any private function a success, whether it is small or large. For information call 676-6460 or (940) 855-5150 or fax (940) 676-4430.

Commissary

Sheppard's modern commissary store, immediately south of the main base exchange complex, consists of 81,000 square feet of usable space and was built at a cost of \$4.2 million. Wide aisles lead the shopper through well-stocked shelves. The 14 checkout counters serve some 1,880 shoppers daily. The commissary is open Monday through Saturday.

Personnel Flight

The customer service center is inside the main entrance of Bldg. 402. It is the central focal point for all military and civilian actions and is designed to serve as the initial contact point for persons desiring personnel service who do not have an established appointment.

The center receives and responds to telephone, written and personal queries concerning any aspect of the personnel flight program. Information and referral is provided on subjects such as humanitarian reassignment, deferment, permissive reassignment, early release programs, base-of-preference, retraining, on-the-job training, special assignment applications, weighted airman promotion system, classification, voting, promotions, labor/employee relations, staffing issues, survivor benefits and retirement information.

The center also updates and maintains the Department of Defense Form 93, Emergency Data Card, and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems Identification Data card applications.

Dining Facilities

A civilian contractor operates Sheppard's military dining facilities.

Dining halls are located in Bldgs. 516, 526, 716, 726 and 1368. For information, call 676-2080.

Education Services

The education services center in Bldg. 402 is the gateway to many educational opportunities for base people and their families.

The education services program provides access to both on base and on-campus curricula. This includes Midwestern State University and its on-base master's degree program, the Region IX Education Service Center's basic learning skills curriculum and the Vernon Regional Junior College on-base associate degrees. Wayland Baptist University offers on-base bachelor's degree programs and the University of North Texas presents on-base masters and doctoral level courses.

Education services administer financial aid programs in support of each of the above programs. Air Force tuition assistance and GI Bill in-service educational benefits are available to eligible active-duty members. Basic Educational Opportunity (PELL) grants are available for eligible military members and civilians.

Professional counselors offer guidance in the use of the Community College of the Air Force, Air Force Extension Course Institute, Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, and DANTES college-credit-by-examination program in support of career advancement.

All incoming permanent-party members visit the education service office as a part of in processing.

Professional Military Education

Sheppard's Professional Military Education Center is in Bldg. 1624. The Airman Leadership School trains all selected E-4s. Leadership, management and supervisory skills are the focus of the course.

Financial Services

Financial Management and Comptroller's are located in Bldg 402. Customer Service (Pay and Travel) is available to both military and civilian employees assigned to Sheppard.



Customer Service (Pay) is available to transient military personnel of all branches of service. For prompt service, have current identification cards and copies of orders. Service is also available to retired Air Force members.

The financial service office will process all newly arriving members as part of their initial processing appointment.

Personal Financial Management Program

The personal financial management program, located in Bldg. 796, is designed to help Air Force people successfully manage their personal finances. The three basic ways the program can help are through education, information, and counseling. The program is managed by the family support center at 676-4358. Visit their Web site at <http://www.spd.aetc.af.mil/82sptg/82mss/fsc.htm> for additional information.

Sheppard Bank

The Sheppard Bank, in Bldg. 200, provides convenient savings

and checking account services for Sheppard people. It offers complete financial services, including drive-through banking and an automated teller machine.

Union Square Credit Union

The main office of the Union Square Federal Credit Union is at 1401 Holliday in Wichita Falls. An on-base branch is in Bldg. 212. Complete financial services are available to members. Membership is open to all military and civilian employees at Sheppard.

Legal Assistance

The legal office, provides a broad range of free legal assistance to active-duty and retired members and their families. Appointments are available Monday through Friday.

Notary service and powers of attorney are provided free and without appointment anytime from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The legal assistance receptionist can be reached at 676-4262 or 676-6760.



Claims

The Air Force claims office for this region is located in Bldg. 316 and is available to assist in the event of loss or damage to personal belongings. The claims office may be contacted at 676-7200 or 676-2449 for appointments or information.

Area Defense Counsel

The Air Force Judiciary's Area Defense Counsel Office provides legal representation to military members who are subjects of courts-martial, Article 15, discharge or investigative actions. The ADC is located in Bldg. 1638 and can be reached at 676-2186.

People Programs

Sheppard has a number of special programs designed to help with problems, evaluate ideas to improve mission accomplishment, or to save resources. The programs include, but are not limited to:

Action Line - 676-2000 (recorder)
Crime Stop - 676-4211

Energy Hotline -
676-5668 (recorder)
Fraud, Waste and Abuse -
676-2222 (recorder)
Straight-talk (Rumor Control) -
676-4438
Suggestions - 676-IDEA

Action Line

Action Line is administered by the public affairs office and is a vehicle Sheppard people can use to bring to the attention of the installation commander matters of concern about Sheppard AFB.

Action Line can be used to ask questions about policy, procedures, operations and facilities if the information is not available elsewhere. Action Line can also be used to compliment a job well done, air a complaint or just "get it off your chest," if all other attempts have failed.

Crime Stop

Persons witnessing a crime in progress or seeing or hearing about any

unusual or suspicious activities, should call security forces at 676-4211.

Energy Conservation

The base has an aggressive, proactive energy conservation program, administered by the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron. Base personnel are encouraged to use the 24-hour energy hotline at 676-5668 as a forum to make energy savings suggestions or to report energy waste.

Straight-Talk (Rumor Control)

Webster defines rumor as "a story or statement in general circulation without confirmation or certainty as to facts, gossip, hearsay."

Straight-talk, administered by the public affairs office, provides base people with a single point of contact to dispel rumors, ascertain the facts, and provide factual answers to rumors that could adversely affect the morale of our people.

Straight-talk also provides an authoritative point of contact for accurate information about the status of any on-base disturbance and the command's actions.

Straight-talk is designed to give accurate information; however, it is not an information service for answering questions that can be obtained by calling the office of primary responsibility. The Straight-Talk number is 676-4438.

Personal Affairs

The personal affairs office is ready to assist Air Force members and their families with information and counseling on matters that affect their personal welfare. They will answer inquiries about insurance, uniform wear, veteran benefits, casualty assistance, or death benefits. Call 676-2984 for assistance.

Postal Service

The base postal service center, Bldg. 551, provides mail service to eligible military members. This facility is used for delivery of all classes of mail

addressed to individuals residing in the dormitories.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Satellite postal service centers are in many of the dormitories.

The United States Post Office is also in Bldg. 551. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Public Affairs Office

Keeping Sheppard people and citizens in the local communities informed of happenings on base and throughout the Air Force is the primary mission of the 82nd Training Wing public affairs office. Their offices are located in wing headquarters, Bldg. 400.

The internal information staff prepares the base newspaper, *The Sheppard Senator*, for publication each week. It also produces the base map, fact sheets about the base and its units, the newcomer's guide and the monthly commander's call topics.

The media relations staff distributes news releases to local, state, and national news media, as well as responds to news media requests for information or interviews about base people, events and happenings.

The community relations' staff coordinates off-base appearances of the special activities teams, secures speakers for civilian organizations and, with the assistance of base volunteers, conducts tours of the base for visitors.

The community relations staff is also the base focal point for the Squadron Adoption Program, which is one of the most outstanding community relations programs in the Department of Defense. The program is now in its fourth decade.

Safety

On-duty personnel safety, as well as protection of resources and personal safety off-duty, are up-front priorities at Sheppard. For that reason, the 82nd TRW commander has dedicated the safety staff to everyone at Sheppard to achieve a mishap-free stay. The wing safety office is located in the 82nd TRW wing headquarters,



Bldg. 400. The staff is available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. to assist you with every safety need.

The safety office promotes safety through education and publicity. The office utilizes the base newspaper, *The Sheppard Senator*, and the Sheppard Safety Spotlight program to keep Team Sheppard members informed.

New arrivals must attend the local condition course that is approximately 45 minutes long and outlines unique safety situations at Sheppard and the surrounding area. The course is mandatory for permanent party, TDY military and new DoD civilian personnel. Family members are also welcome to attend with their sponsors.

If you operate a motorcycle, or plan to while at Sheppard, you must stop by the safety office prior to registering and operating your motorcycle. Depending on your previous training, you may be required to attend a Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified course.

Scheduled Airline Ticket Office

The SATO Travel office is a full-service travel company. It assists base

people in meeting their passenger and air cargo transportation needs.

The SATO Travel Office for official transportation is in Bldg. 402, Room 120. It schedules all passenger travel reservations for airlines, trains or buses.

The SATO Travel Leisure Office is in the community center, Bldg. 430. Call SATO at 855-6581 or 676-4263 for all travel needs, including hotel, car, cruise and tour reservations.

Military Equal Opportunity

Military Equal Opportunity is the focal point for the installation Equal Opportunity an Human Relations Education programs. Their mission is to help maintain organizational excellence by providing quality, professional service to enhance equal opportunity in the military community. MEO assists commanders at all levels with problems that may adversely affect member's behavior, health, duty performance, or the mission. For information, call 676-2360.

Thrift Shop

The thrift shop accepts almost anything for sale on consignment, except guns and flammable articles.

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Information

Base Newspaper, The Sheppard Senator

The Sheppard Senator is the weekly base newspaper, published each Friday by contract between Sheppard and a civilian publisher. *The Senator* is dedicated to the memory of the late Senator Morris Sheppard, for whom the base is named.

The Sheppard Senator provides current information on base, Air Education and Training Command and Air Force programs, policies and activities. Sections are devoted to news, features, family, entertainment, and sports and youth activities.

Cable Television Service

Commercial cable television service is available in base housing areas, private rooms in the permanent party dormitories and in the student squadron day rooms. The Sheppard commander's access channel, cable channel 14, is available on base and in base housing areas. The CAC provides up-to-the-minute information of interest to base workers and residents.

Sheppard Locator Service

The base locator service is operated by the 82nd Support

Group and can be reached by calling 676-1841.

Base Bulletin

The base bulletin is published each Wednesday by the 82nd Mission Support Squadron information management division. The bulletin is distributed to all organizations via e-mail. For more information, call 676-5142.

Telephone Tips

Official phones on base have a 676 prefix. When calling from off base, dial 676, then the desired four-digit number. When dialing on base, dial only 6 plus the four-digit number.

The 851 and 855 prefixes serve the housing areas and a small number of unofficial phones on base. From off base, the Sheppard information operator can be reached at 676-2511. The on-base information number is 113. To dial off base from an on-base phone, dial 9 plus the desired local number. To make a call on the Defense Switched Network, dial 88 plus the 7-digit DSN number. Sheppard's DSN prefix is 736.

A 15-percent commission fee is charged, in addition to Texas and local sales taxes. Items for sale can be placed with the thrift shop for up to three months.

All proceeds from sales go into scholarship funds for the enlisted and officers spouses club, whose members operate the shop. Volunteers are always needed. The thrift shop is in Bldg. 1624. The telephone number for the thrift shop is 855-1861.

Transportation

On base transportation for official use is available through the base taxi system by calling 676-1843. Air Force buses operate daily over base routes from 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

City buses provide transportation to Wichita Falls from the base. The buses run hourly Monday through Saturday and stop at designated locations. A list of bus stops is available at billeting located in Bldg. 1600. For more information, call 676-1844.

Traffic Management Office

The passenger service section is located in Bldg. 402, Room 119, and provides all travel services necessary for official travel of military members and their families. Customer service hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 676-6362 for assistance.

The personal property section is in Room 110. It handles the shipment of household goods, unaccompanied baggage and mobile homes into and out of the Sheppard area. Customer service hours are the same as for passenger services. The office may be reached at 676-5499.

The Student, Traffic Management Office is located in Bldg. 551, northeast side. It handles the shipment of unaccompanied baggage for pipeline students. Customer service hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office may be reached at 676-6180.

Recycling Program

Recycling is performed by an off-base contractor. Each base facility

and family housing unit have regularly scheduled pick-ups each week. Other recyclable materials, including bond and computer paper, aluminum cans, plastics and glass can be dropped off 24 hours a day to bins on Motor Pool Road across from the historian's office.

Arrangements may be made by phone for pick-up of large amounts of paper and scrap metal. Please call the contract QAE at 676-5700 for more information on the recycling program.

Base Self-Help Store

The base self-help store is your one-stop shop for all your facility and base housing improvement projects. Stop in and browse the self-help store, Bldg. 5, at the corner of Avenue D and 5th Street. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is closed on Wednesdays and weekends. A planner is available to help plan projects and to ensure correct materials are ordered. The self-help store has brochures, tapes and mock-ups. Many self-help items are available in the store. If a large quantity is needed, they are usually obtained from the local economy. The store also maintains a wide variety of items for military family housing occupants. Seasonal items such as mulch, grass seed, and landscape timbers are available. MFH occupants are authorized loaner tools, such as hedge trimmers, edgers, and extension cords. Home improvement items and maintenance items such as towel bars, curtain rods, and air conditioning filters are readily available. The store is also your first stop in helping control household pests such as insects and rodents. We provide several different types of poison free insecticides and traps so that everyone can do their part in maintaining a clean safe living environment on Sheppard. For more information, call 676-7755.



BECOMING INVOLVED



At Sheppard AFB, “becoming involved” is more than just a friendly meeting or a casual afternoon outing.

Traditionally, the people at Sheppard are active, concerned citizens who concentrate their efforts to create a better base, a better community, and a better nation.

There is a group for nearly every person’s interest. From professional organizations to advance one’s career, to sports, to activities for youths, the time spent can be fun and rewarding.

Air Force Association

The Air Force Association is an independent, nonprofit, aerospace organization, serving military and civilian people with an interest in furthering the ideals of the United States Air Force. It was established and incorporated in 1946.

For information on joining or transferring your current membership to the Wichita Falls chapter, call 723-2741.

Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. It is open to any U.S. citizen, civilian or military. The cadet program is open to youths that have completed the sixth grade, and are 12-18 years of age.

The mission of the CAP is air search and rescue, emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. The Wichita Falls Composite Squadron meets at

Sheppard each Thursday at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1360, Room 210.

For more information, call 592-2300.

Company Grade Officer Council

The Sheppard Company Grade Officer Council is an active, growing organization comprising lieutenants and captains from throughout the base. The CGOC is involved in programs to promote career enhancement and development, Reserve Officer Training Corps field training assistance, trips to the Air Force Military Personnel Center at Randolph and many civic events and activities as well as an annual dining-out activity.

Daedalians

The Order of the Daedalians is a nonprofit organization promoting safety in flight and encouraging educational, scientific and charitable pursuits that advance the order's objectives.

Membership is open to all active-duty and retired military pilots of heavier-than-air craft. The local chapter meets monthly at the Sheppard Officers Club.

Enlisted Spouses Club

Spouses of Sheppard Enlisted Club members are invited to join and participate in the activities of the enlisted spouses club.

Membership is also extended to widows of deceased members and to female enlisted members assigned to Sheppard who are enlisted club members.

Club activities include business meetings, workshops, luncheons and welcome coffees.

Officers Spouses Club

The Sheppard Officers Spouses Club sponsors social, cultural, recreational, educational, and welfare projects for its members.

Membership is classified as active, associate or honorary. Guest privileges are extended to wives who accompany their husbands TDY to



Sheppard for three months or longer and who are members of a wives club at another base.

The club has a social function (luncheon, brunch or coffee) each month at the officers club unless otherwise noted in the club's newsletter.

Private And Professional Organizations

Sheppard hosts a variety of private and professional organizations. These include the Professional Military Education Graduates Association, Noncommissioned Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, and Toastmasters, to name a few.

For more information or for the current points of contact for these groups, call the 82nd Services Squadron at 676-4812.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross conducts blood drives the second and fourth Thursday of every month at

various locations around the base from 1 to 5 p.m.

Religious Activities

There are three chapels and a religious education facility on base, staffed by a dedicated group of chaplain service specialists, program coordinators and laity to meet the spiritual needs of the Sheppard community.

The chapel program includes a variety of Catholic and Protestant worship opportunities. A preschool through adult religious education program includes several adult classes, a specialized student airman ministry featuring weekend retreat opportunities, and active youth groups.

Churches of every major faith group can be found in the local communities. For more information on Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim worship services and activities, call the chapel at 676-2111 or 676-4370. Information and contact points are also available for some of the other religious faith groups.

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Chaplains are available after duty hours for emergencies. The duty chaplain can be contacted by calling the command post at 676-1859.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many worthwhile organizations on base and in the local area. Sheppard people are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents.

Information about on-base opportunities can be obtained from the volunteer resource center, the clearinghouse for placing volunteers in job opportunities throughout the base. The service is managed by the family support center in Bldg. 796. For more information, call 676-4358 or 676-4257.

Youth Organizations

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Active Boy Scouts organizations include Cub Scout Pack 232 and Boy Scout Troop 232. Troop 232 meets at Bldg 2130 "Old Adobe" at 6:30 p.m. Mondays.

Girl Scout units include one Daisy troop, four Brownie troops, three Junior troops and one Cadet troop.

For information, contact the NorCenTex Girl Scout Council at 723-4336, or the Northwest Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America, at 696-2735.

Camp Fire Council

The Camp Fire Council of North Texas serves both boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. Children in kindergarten through second grade are in the Starflight Program, while third through sixth graders are in the Adventure Program.

For more information on how to become a part of this organization, contact the CFCNT at 322-5209.

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At your leisure

When the duty day is done and it's time to relax, do you want to bowl, play golf, ride a horse, swim 20 laps, or maybe just go see a good movie?

All these activities and more are available at Sheppard. In addition, there are dozens of other opportunities to relax and have fun in the local area.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center is located in Bldg 832 and offers a program in ceramic operations provided by contractors. There are many greenware items, a full line of paints,

glazes and supplies. Instruction and project storage is free. The Ceramic Shop also offers project packing and shipment for all users including students and TDY and permanent party military. For additional information on the ceramics program, call 855-0118. For new Skills Development programming information, call 676-4810.

Auto skills development center

The auto skills development center is in Bldg. 55/57 at Avenue C and 8th Street. The shop has 14 stalls with lubrication racks, a welding shop and computerized tune-up equipment. Qualified mechanics are on duty to advise patrons. Tools and all types

of equipment, including computerized engine analyzer and alignment machines, are available. For information call 676-4110.

Athletic fields

Sheppard has three lighted softball fields, a lighted football/soccer field and lighted professional running track. The fields are used for intramural and varsity outdoor sports events, the annual Special Olympic games and holiday special events. All fields can be reserved for squadron activities. For additional information call 676-2022.

Bowling

Sheppard has two bowling centers for league and individual play,

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with 16 lanes each. The north lanes are in Bldg. 811 and the south lanes in Bldg. 318. Both centers have computerized automatic scoring, bumper bowling for children and amusement machines.

Each facility has a snack bar. The north lanes has a full pro shop while the south lanes offers convenience items. Call 676-2170 for additional information regarding bowling programs.

Main Gymnasium

This facility is located in Bldg 450 and seats approximately 1,000 spectators. This is one of three facilities used for indoor intramural and varsity level sports activities and special sports events. The gymnasium staff administers indoor and outdoor intramural and varsity programs. The facility houses an indoor basketball/volleyball court and three racquetball courts, exercise rooms, men's and women's sauna and locker rooms, a lighted outdoor running track, lighted football, soccer, and three softball fields and 10 tennis courts. For operating hours and other information, call 676-2022.

North Fitness Center

This facility is located in Bldg 825 and seats approximately 800 spectators. This facility is also used for indoor intramural and varsity sports

programs. It houses a basketball/volleyball court, six racquetball courts (two of which are also used for wallyball games), exercise rooms, and men's and women's sauna and locker rooms. The over-30 basketball league is held at this facility. For operating hours and more information, call 676-4808.

South Fitness Center

The third, and newest fitness center is located in Bldg. 384 and has a spectator seating capacity of 200. Indoor intramural and varsity sports are also conducted at this facility. The center offers the service of a personal fitness trainer, the very popular LifeCircuit Interactive Strength System. The AerobiCenter offers many classes each week including water aerobics in summer, a child's play room with exercise bikes for parents use, an air conditioned basketball/ volleyball courts, four racquetball courts (two with glass wall viewing), attractive exercise rooms, and sauna and locker rooms. The intramural volleyball league is conducted primarily at this facility. For more information and hours of operation, call 676-2972.

AerobiCenter

The AerobiCenter is located in Bldg. 384. The program offers six classes weekdays and one class on Saturday and Sunday. All classes are co-ed, open to active duty military, retiree's,

reservists, base DoD civilians and their families. Certified aerobic instructors teach classes. For additional information, call 676-7941.

Fishing and hunting

Texas wildlife is abundant, but much of it is located on private land. Permission to hunt must be obtained from the landowners before hunting.

Texas hunting and fishing licenses are required for both residents and nonresidents between the ages of 17 and 65. Licenses can be purchased at the outdoor recreation building in Bldg. 2117 as well as at the Lake Texoma annex.

For more information about licenses, write the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin TX 78744 or call toll-free in Texas 1-800-792-1112.

The Services Division's Outdoor Recreation section, located in Bldg. 2117, has maps and information on all the local fishing areas. For information call 676-4141.

Wind Creek Golf Course

Sheppard has one of the most challenging golf courses in North Texas. The course is more than 7,000 yards from the back tees. Fairways and rough are Bermuda grass, while the greens are Champion Bermuda grass. The course is open year around offering a well-stocked golf pro shop, a 24-hour-a-day driving range, many golf tournaments, the Out of Bounds Café, a practice hill and two putting greens. The course is open to all authorized personnel and their guests. Daily or advance green fees may be purchased. For more information, call 676-2381 or DSN 736-6369.

Lake Texoma Annex

The Lake Texoma Annex is open 365 days a year. The annex is located approximately 120 miles east of Sheppard and 15 miles north of Whitesboro, Texas, which makes it an ideal location for the "get back to nature" getaway.

The annex offers a wide choice of recreation activities to add to your leisure experience while at Texoma. These include camping, boating, fishing, picnicking, walking/hiking trails,

tennis court, a softball field and a golf driving range.

The Lodge, being the hub of Texoma Annex, offers an area of comfort and relaxation. Featured are a well-supplied convenience store, large screen television, video games, pool table, fitness center, coin operated laundry, rental movies, fishing licenses, games or enjoying a meal in the Texoma Steak House.

Rental boats and the all-season crappie-fishing house are available to patrons. For those who just want to tent camp, you will find a number of beautiful spaces from which to choose. For more information call (903) 523-4613, or write for brochures at: Sheppard AFB Annex, Rt. 3, P.O. Box 151, Whitesboro, TX 76273.

Library

The base library system offers full service for the Sheppard community, including active-duty and retired military, civilian employees and their family members. The trained staff includes two professional librarians. The main library is in Bldg. 312. Call 676-6152 for information.

Outdoor recreation

The outdoor recreation center is in Bldg. 2117. Typical tours include hiking, canoeing, fishing, camping and snow skiing. Rental items include boats, canoes, tents, fishing rod/reel, coolers, lanterns, recreational equipment, barbecue grills, chairs, tables, carpet cleaning equipment, camping trailers and more. A small daily fee is charged.

Outdoor recreation also provides parcel pick up and shipment services. For information call 676-4141.

Picnic areas

The south picnic area is located between Chapel 2 and the golf course. It includes two covered pavilions, each with barbecue pits. Picnic tables and a children's playground are also available. The area will accommodate up to 700 people.

The hospital picnic area is across the parking lot from the hospital and provides picnic tables, a large pavilion, small pavilions, children's playground equipment, a parking area



and a one-mile par course outdoor fitness trail which offers 18 individual fitness stations. Reservations for all picnic areas can be made at the outdoor recreation center, Bldg. 2117, or by calling 676-4141.

Private organizations

The squadron booster organizations, Longhorn Gun Club and the officers and enlisted spouses clubs are just a few of the many private organizations on base that are provided for special interests of the Sheppard community. For more information about any of these organizations, call the Services Division at 676-4822.

Community Activity Center

The community center is located in Bldg. 430 at the corner of 4th and Avenue G. The center provides recreational services that develop esprit de corps, promote family well being and enhance mental and physical fitness. It provides a variety of core activities and services such as holiday, seasonal and thematic base-wide special events, performing arts, entertainment and other cultural programs. Meeting areas in support of commander's calls, squad-ron functions and instructional and self-improvement classes are also available.

The center houses a variety of activities in eight different rooms. The second floor consists of a game room

(composed of nine billiards tables and 17 amusement machines) and a Ping-Pong room. The Upper Room located upstairs is utilized by the base chaplain services. The ground floor encompasses a ballroom for special events and functions (420-person capacity), a multi-purpose room and conference room (both open for workshops, seminars and conferences). The CyberZone area includes the CyberNet Café (refreshments) and four CyberNet computer stations. SATO LeisureTravel and ITT are also located on the ground floor. The community center is open to the public 94 hours a week.

The community center offers Sheppard a variety of programs including talent shows, travel fairs, Octoberfest celebrations, Tops In Blue performances, Freedom Fest entertainment and much more. Spectators and volunteers are welcome to community events.

For more information on community center programming, call (940) 676-3866 or DSN 736-3866.

Student Center

The student center is located on 6th Avenue between G and H Street in Bldg 649. This facility is geared toward military student needs. The student center houses a ballroom with pool tables, video games, air-hockey, football challenge and jukebox; and hosts Friday and Saturday night BDU dances with state-of-the-art sound

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and lighting. The CyberZone has four CyberNet computer stations where patrons can utilize the latest in computer technology. The pool-room has five pool tables, video games and a jukebox. The Ballroom has tables and chairs for studying or watching the big screen television, a large dance floor, DJs on selected nights, game machines, a stage area for live bands and four pool tables.

The Sports Pub has ten televisions for pub viewing, a glow-in-the-dark pool table and DJs on selected nights for the greatest in hit music entertainment.

For student convenience, there are Union Square and Sheppard Bank ATM machines located in the student center.

The Red River Café offers refreshments, a jukebox, and three cyberzone computers. There are drinks, pizza, subs, hand-dipped ice cream, snacks and more for the public.

The Student Center also offers a shoe shine operation, video nights, pool tournaments, and various other monthly programs. Call (940) 676-2491 for student center information.

Skeet and trap range

This activity includes ranges that can be used for shooting skeet or trap year round.

All active-duty, retired military, and civilian employees can use the facilities. For information call 676-4141.

Sports programs

Sheppard's athletic program offers a wide variety of sports, played on or in some of the finest facilities in the Air Force.

Sheppard's intramural sports program provides competition in golf, bowling, basketball, volleyball, softball and flag football. The sports program also includes varsity level sports in

soccer, men's and women's basketball and men's softball. For joggers and runners, Sheppard has a professional rubber surface track that is lighted for night use.

Swimming pools

Sheppard has three swimming pools and a water park. The water park is adjacent to the enlisted club; the Capehart pool is behind the Capehart housing area; and the main pool complex is adjacent to the main gymnasium. The pools are usually open from Memorial Day in May through Labor Day in September. For information call 676-4141.

Tennis

For tennis lovers, Sheppard offers 10 lighted courts located with adjoining multi-purpose courts for outdoor basketball. The players control the court lights. For information call 676-2022.

Theater

Sheppard has a large movie theater seating 1,000 people and offering top-rated films nightly. The theater is on the corner of Avenue G and Eighth Street. The theater schedule is published each week in the base newspaper. The theater is available for special meetings such as commander's call. For information call 676-2745.

Information, Tickets and Tours Office

Located in the Community Center, Bldg. 430, the ticket office makes it possible to buy tickets on base for many local and regional events and sponsors tours to various local attractions.

Tickets are also available for activities in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, including some sporting activities, Six Flags Over Texas, and many other events. Tickets are often available at discount prices for military members.

ITT now also provides patrons with small gift items and balloon bouquets. Delivery of these gift items is offered on base for a nominal fee. For more information on ITT service, call 676-2302.

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LOCAL AREA



Wichita Falls

The city received its name from a Wichita Indian encampment near a small waterfall along the Wichita River. Wichita Falls' history can be traced back to the 1860s when the vast, grass-rich prairies and ample water supply drew settlers to the area. Early city fathers brought the railroad to town and began building man-made lakes to increase the usable water supply. The growth of agriculture, as well as the city's location as a railroad hub, contributed to the community's early growth and status as the area's commercial center.

By 1918, the oil boom was upon the Wichita Falls area and thousands of people poured into the city seeking

wealth and fame from the oil rich lands. Within 10 years, the population grew from 8,500 to 40,000. A wide variety of business and industry developed on the periphery of the oil industry, and laid the foundation for the city's diverse economy. In the 1940s, Sheppard Air Force Base was established and became a significant part of Wichita Falls' economy and culture.

The Waterfall

The original waterfall on the Wichita River was washed away in a disastrous flood in 1886. In 1987 the dream to replace the city's namesake became a reality when the Falls were returned to the city.

In 1986, the people of Wichita Falls decided the city needed a waterfall and raised half the cost from private donations. Today's falls are adjacent to Interstate 44, just south of the Texas Tourist Bureau. The completed 54-foot waterfall is a multi-tiered cascade on the south bank of the river and is the centerpiece of a trail system that winds through nearby Lucy Park and along the banks of the Wichita River. There is a footbridge at the base of the falls, railed observation areas and paths to the top of the falls.

Location and Climate

The city, at 946 feet above sea level, is 52.6 square miles in size and

is located in the cross-timbers section of the North Central Plains of Texas. Wichita Falls is 15 miles south of the Red River/Oklahoma border and is equal distance from Dallas, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, approximately 125 miles. Wichita Falls' transportation system includes I-44, U.S. 287 and U.S. 277, rail service and municipal airport serviced by two commercial airlines.

The climate of Wichita Falls is classified as continental. Wichita Falls has a mean number of 153 clear days per year, 93 partly cloudy days, and 119 cloudy days. Temperatures reach a daily high of 90 degrees or above on 105 days per year. While temperatures fall to a low of 32 degrees or below on 67 days per year. Sub-zero temperatures occur only about once in each five-year period. Normal high temperature is measured at 75.2 degrees while the normal low is 50.8 degrees. Normal winds are southerly at 11.3 mph.

Normal rainfall for the year is 28.9 inches, with the greatest part in the form of showers rather than general rains. Over 75 percent of the annual moisture occurs during the period from late March to mid-November, but dry periods of three to four weeks can be expected during this time almost every year.

Housing

During 1999, more than 1,140 homes were sold with an average price per home of \$80,517. Homebuyers found an average of 703 available units for sale at any given time throughout the year. There are more than 180 subdivisions with homes in many styles from zero-lot-lines to sprawling country estates. More than 54 apartment complexes offer renters the latest in amenities and services. For senior citizens, there are 17 facilities offering a full range of care from assisted living to convalescent care and full service retirement communities.

Religious Community

Wichita Falls has a large religious community with churches from most religious affiliations. In addition,



religious organizations near Midwestern State University's campus provide fellowships and participate in a variety of community activities both on and off campus.

Shopping

Wichita Falls serves North Texas and southern Oklahoma as a major regional trade center. There are seventeen major shopping centers in Wichita Falls, including a three-anchor, 90-merchant mall. Specialty retailers such as antique dealers, southwestern apparel and jewelry, and arts and craft malls provide shoppers with unique choices.

Transportation

The city of Wichita Falls provides bus services to and from several downtown locations and Sheppard, Monday through Saturday.

Express bus service is also provided from Sheppard to all major shopping and recreational centers in the city. This service begins at 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Fridays, the service runs from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. On Saturday it is available from 10 a.m. until midnight. Sunday express service starts at 12:15 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m. For more information call 761-7433.

Sports and Recreation

The City of Wichita Falls operates two public tennis centers with a total

of 21 lighted courts, located in Hamilton and Weeks parks. More than 40 parks are located throughout the city.

Lucy Park, a 167-acre wooded public park bordered by the Wichita River, has two large picnic pavilions, a log cabin and picnic tables throughout the park. There are three playgrounds, an 18-hole disc golf course, a duck pond, a swinging bridge, a Japanese pagoda, turf and flora exhibits and a canoe ramp. Trails lead from Lucy Park along the Wichita River to the waterfall.

Other Sports Events

Professional sports fans have the Dallas Cowboys football team, Texas Rangers baseball team and the Dallas



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Mavericks basketball team just 140 miles southeast of the base. The 82nd Services Squadron's outdoor recreation office offers individual tickets and group tours to most home games.

Lake Arrowhead State Park

Lake Arrowhead State Park is 10 miles southeast of Wichita Falls and offers more than 500 acres of parkland on the banks. Visitors can go swimming, water skiing, fishing, picnicking or camping. The lake itself provides an interesting sight, with large oil derricks protruding from the water. A year-round concession offers bait, fishing tackle, and provisions.

Places To Go And Things To Do

There are many opportunities for fun, relaxation and entertainment in the area. Activities include Rodeos, the symphony, picnics and concerts in the park, tours of the Kell House and visits to the museum. For the thespian, the Backdoor Theater offers an opportunity to take part in quality community theater.

Wichita Falls Museum And Art Center

Art, science and history exhibits change monthly. Weekend planetarium shows begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3:30 p.m. Sundays. An auditorium serves

as a classroom for numerous art classes and offers movies and space for other special events.

Wichita Falls Memorial Auditorium

The Wichita Falls Memorial Auditorium is located downtown, has a seating capacity of more than 2,700, and is the setting for more than 80 events each year. Performances range from the Symphony Orchestra to the Ballet Theater to top-name country and western concerts.

The Kell House

The Kell House was built in 1909 by Frank Kell, one of the city's founders, and is recognized as a Texas Historical Landmark. It also is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house has been carefully preserved with original furnishings.

It is open for public tours Sundays and Tuesdays through Fridays; special group tours can be arranged for other times. The house is located at 900 Bluff Ave. For additional information, call 723-0623.

The Littlest Skyscraper

This unique structure holds the distinction of being the smallest "skyscraper" in the world, standing four stories tall. It has no doors or windows, bears a street address that no longer exists and overlooks an alley.

Local legend favors the theory that the building was a boondoggle, the cornerstone of a \$200,000 stock swindle during the early days of the Texas oil boom in nearby Burkburnett. It is at the corner of LaSalle Alley and 7th Street.

The Little Adobe

The Little Adobe is the original Wichita Falls Municipal Airport terminal building. It is located on Sheppard and is designated as Bldg. 2130. The terminal was constructed in 1928 and was dedicated as a Texas Historical Landmark in November 1981. In December 1991, it became a city landmark. Today,

the building houses the 82nd Training Wing office of history.

Special Events

Many special events take place in Wichita Falls each year. To name only a few:

Red River Rodeo and Parade

This annual event in June is held at the Wichita County Mounted Patrol Arena, sports professional circuit rodeo with traditional attractions, including an old-fashioned parade.

Texas Ranch Roundup

This annual event in August brings top cowboys from the largest and best ranches in Texas to engage in a tradition that spotlights Texas ranch life to its fullest. A ranch cooking contest and craft show is also part of this spectacular event.

Hotter 'N Hell Hundred Bicycle Ride And USCF Road Race

This August annual event is the largest sanctioned bicycle ride in the nation. It brings cyclists of all ages and abilities from around the world to participate in this three-day event which includes an outdoor festival and trade show.

Falls Fest

This annual event in September is a citywide festival held in Lucy Park. Entertainment includes concerts, special events, games, food and drinks, and a craft show.

Christmas Magic

This annual event in November is a festive arts and craft show sponsored by the Junior League.

Fantasy Of Lights

This spectacular exhibit at Midwestern State University delights around 250,000 spectators annually in December.

Burkburnett

A town lot sale conducted by J.A. Kemp and Frank Kell in 1907 marked

the official beginning of Burkburnett, which became world-famous for its gigantic oil boom. Oil flowed for the first time on July 1, 1912.

The beginning of one of the greatest oil booms in American history actually began July 29, 1918. The oil-crazy days were dramatized in story and song, and Burkburnett later became the subject of a Clark Gable-Spencer Tracy movie, "Boomtown."

In every aspect, Burkburnett is a progressive community. It looks to the future as well as to its historic and colorful past. Because of that, the community continues to be known as "Boomtown, U.S.A., Gateway to Texas."

Recreation is close by and includes a variety of activities. Three neighborhood parks are centrally located, and River Creek Municipal Park is five miles southeast of town on Farm to Market Road 1177. The park has one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the area. The riding enthusiast will find an excellent riding arena on Kelly Street.

The city and school system operates in maintaining four-lighted multi-purpose recreation fields and eight lighted tennis courts. An all-weather track annually hosts high school competitors, and is regularly used by private groups and exercisers. The municipal pool is open from June to August.

Trails And Tales Of Boomtown

Trails and Tales of Boomtown, USA is sponsored by the Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce from April to October, and features a 1-1/2 hour narrated bus tour of this historic town. Groups of eight or more should call ahead for reservations. Private tours for 30 or more are also available. The bus leaves from the chamber office at 412 Avenue C. For more information, call 569-3304.

Iowa Park

Iowa Park is centrally located in Wichita County. Because of the excellent highway system within the



county, Iowa Park is within quick driving distance of Sheppard AFB and Wichita Falls, and is a popular place to live for many Sheppard families.

Iowa Park celebrated its centennial in 1988. Having been founded by settlers from Iowa, the community has 12 parks, as its name implies.

Gordon Lake, dominating Oscar Park, is readily visible from U.S. Highway 287 as you enter town. Two other city-owned lakes to the west provide boating, fishing, and hunting opportunities.

The community is home to a number of churches, businesses and an exceptional school system. Iowa Park is a family-oriented community with a relaxed atmosphere for family living.

Education

Midwestern State University

Midwestern is a fully accredited four-year university. Nearly 6,000 students take advantage of the academic excellence each semester at MSU. Midwestern offers students sound educational preparation for future careers by offering degrees in 37 bachelor's degree programs and 18 master's degree programs.

The 170-acre campus includes a science center, physical education facility, fine arts center, and one of the most attractive campuses in the state. A member of the National Association of

Inter-collegiate Athletes, Midwestern competes in a wide range of sports, including basketball, football, golf, soccer, tennis, track and volleyball.

Vernon Regional Junior College

Vernon Regional Junior College is a community college whose focus is on extending educational opportunities to the widest range of students. The Wichita Falls campus provides programs in occupational and continuing education and courses for entry level employment and upgrading/retraining.

A new job-skills training center has been established with programs in welding, machining, electronics, and computer-assisted drafting. Classes in other technical skills include blueprint reading, safety, and communications.

Public Schools

The local area is served by four school districts: Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Iowa Park and City View.

To enroll in Texas schools, kindergarten students must be 5 years old, and first grade students must be 6 on or before Sept 1. A birth certificate and current immunization records must be presented at time of registration.

Wichita Falls Independent School District

As Wichita Falls Independent School District moves into the next century, there are many accomplishments.

LOCAL AREA



The district's graduation rate and standardized test scores exceed both state and national averages. School/Match, a consulting firm that provides data to industry and individuals seeking to relocate, has placed Wichita Falls I.S.D. in the top 10 percent of America's schools. Several elementary and secondary campuses have been rated as "exemplary" and "recognized" by the Texas Education Agency for outstanding academic performance.

Magnet schools have been established on five elementary campuses and all secondary schools have chosen a magnet theme. Magnet schools offer unique opportunities for in-depth study in specific areas of interest which include: math, science, communications, visual and performing arts, engineering, languages, the international baccalaureate program and a university career center.

Wichita Falls I.S.D. magnet schools have achieved an outstanding record of success and national acclaim. One of the district's magnet schools was named top magnet school in the nation by The Magnet Schools of America Association.

The school district offers a wide variety of vocational and alternative educational programs meeting students' needs. Community support is evident in many areas. Over two hundred large and small businesses support the schools through the Partners in Education Program and make generous donations of both time and money. New and unique programs such as distance learning labs are implemented through funding made possible by private foundations.

Wichita Falls is a recognized leader among Texas public schools for the quality and diversity of education that it provides for students. The district is

committed to creating educational environments that respond to students' interests, celebrate cultural diversity and foster student achievement.

Burkburnett

Residents of Burkburnett have the highest quality of public and private schools available to them.

The Burkburnett public school system includes three elementary schools, a junior high school and a senior high school.

Burkburnett schools offer advanced placement courses to qualifying students, gifted and talented programs, special education programs, computer instruction and vocational education.

Iowa Park

Iowa Park is proud of its excellent school system, which consistently scores well above state and national averages in scholastic achievement.

In addition to the normal college-preparatory and vocational courses of study, the system offers special education, and gifted and talented programs for students in need of specialized assistance. To round out the development of students, a winning tradition in music, athletics and interscholastic events pervade the system.

The Iowa Park school system includes two elementary schools, a junior high school and a high school, and provides an exceptional environment for the development of individual students.

City View

The City View school offers classes comprising kindergarten through the eighth grade.

Parochial and Private Schools

The area offers many parochial and private schools. To name only a few, Baptist and Catholic schools include kindergarten through 12th grade, and Episcopal and Lutheran schools include kindergarten through 6th grade. There is a private Montessori school for kindergarten and first grade, and a host of daycare centers that offer preschool classes.



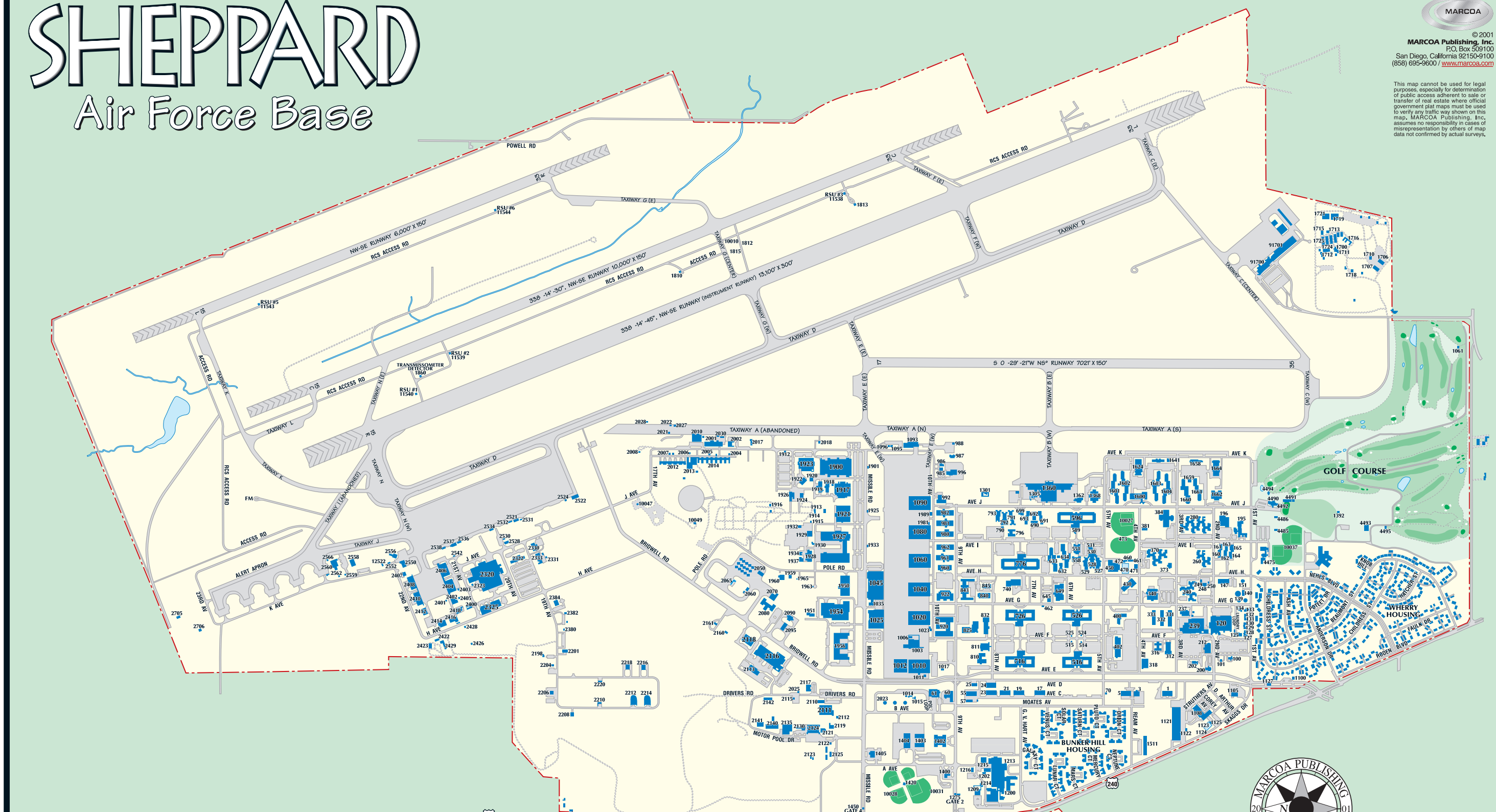
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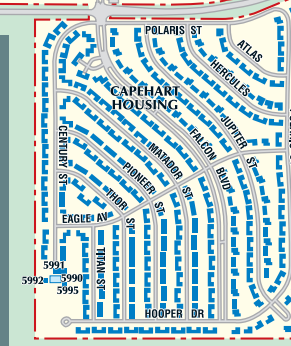
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MAP LEGEND

AAFES Auto Repair.....1105	Base Newspaper.....400	Credit Union.....212	Gymnasiums.....400	Public Affairs.....400	Traffic Management.....402
AAFES Food Court.....239	Base Operations.....1360	Dining Facilities.....1360	Aerobics Center.....832	Red Cross.....1624	Youth Center.....196
AF Aid Society.....1624	Billing Office.....1600	Dorms (Named).....516, 526, 716, 726, 776, 1368	Main Gym.....450	Scheduled Airline Ticket Office.....402	Units.....400
Area Defense Counsel.....1638	Bowling Lanes, North.....811	Codner Hall.....516	North Fitness Center.....825	Security Forces Squadron.....2118	82nd Training Wing.....2322
Arts & Crafts.....832	Bowling Lanes, South.....318	Cooper Hall.....776	South Fitness Center.....384	Service Stations.....1105, 1400	80th Flying Training Wing.....2322
Audiovisual Services.....1020	Chapels.....1638	Hospital.....596	Services Offices.....1200	82nd Medical Group.....1200	82nd Logistics Group.....2116
Auto Hobby Shop.....55, 57	Chapel 1.....4475	Hogan Hall.....716	Housing Office.....373	82nd Services Squadron.....531, 1664	82nd Support Group.....400
Barber Shop.....239	Chapel 2.....810	Mattie Hall.....726	Inspector General.....400	Social Actions.....2124	82nd Training Group.....843
Base Bank.....200	Chapel 3 (Hospital).....1200	McCullough Hall.....726	Legal Office.....312	Stables.....2402	782nd Training Group.....843
Base Exchange.....1638	Child Development Center.....195	White Hall.....726	Library.....402	Supply.....2116	882nd Training Group.....1900
Office.....239	Civil Engineering.....1402	Class VI Store.....110	Military Personnel Flight.....402	Swimming Pools.....1123	982nd Training Group.....980
Main.....740	Cleaners.....649	Enlisted Club.....1121	Motor Pool.....340	Bunker Hill Pool.....5990	
Mini Mall.....740	Clothing Sales.....120	Family Services.....796	PME Center.....1624	Capehart Pool.....470	
Shoppettes.....1105, 1400	Commissary.....430	Family Support Center.....402	Postal Service Center Post Office.....60	Main Pool.....840	
Service stations.....1105, 1400	Community Center.....1664	Finance.....402	First Term Airmen's Center.....2135	Theater.....1624	
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